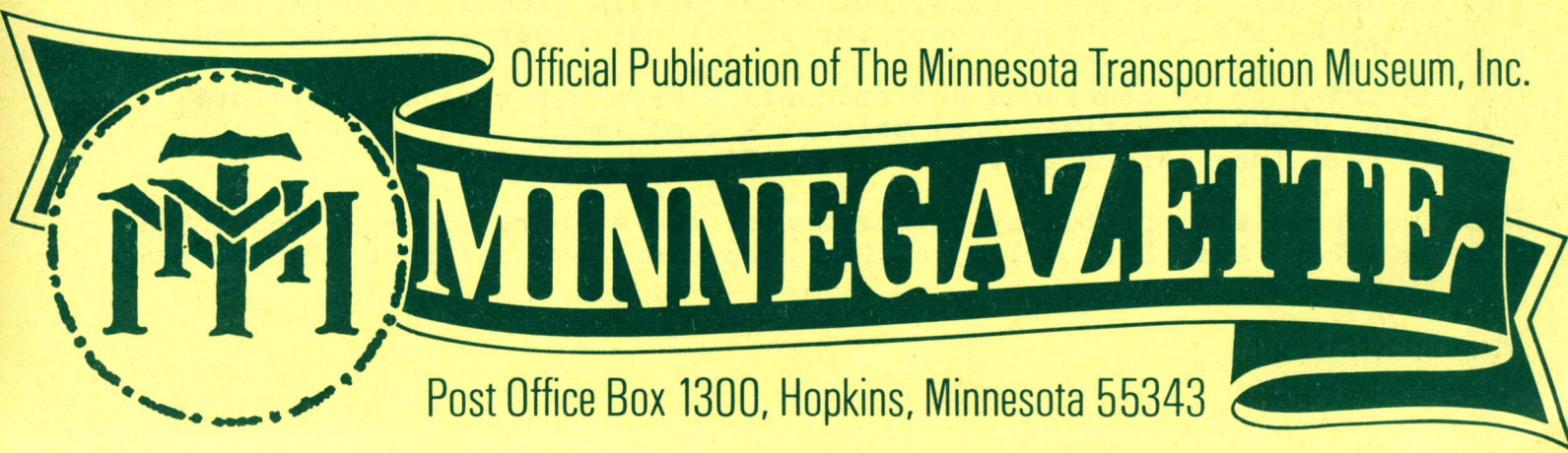




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THE FRONT COVER: An Idyllic September scene of #1300 in service at the Como-Harriet 42nd St. Station Platform stop is framed by still verdant early fall foliage.

THE "COMO-HARRIET STREETCARLINE" -- IT IS!!

Following sometimes passionate but always good natured debate, members of the MTM finalized selection of a formalized title for the Lake Harriet project at the general membership meeting on September 19th. By simple majority vote of eligible members present at the Harriet Car barn meeting, it was decided to name the restored line "Como-Harriet Streetcar Line" - as it will henceforth be known. This choice entirely fulfills the criteria that any choice must have historic precedent with regard to the Harriet site. Welcome "C.H.S.L." !

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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STREET CARRING

I was once - a streetcar conductor- On the good old - Twin City Lines, My Motorman and I - did some speeding - Never had to pay - any fines.

We worked - on nice yellow streetcars- Hauled passengers all over town, Punched transfers - called the streets- We didn't let the public - Get us down.

We had day runs, night runs, pull outs- Giving good service was our aim, And then the buses took over; Our city - has never - been the same.

We tried to be courteous and friendly - Made our riders complaints- Seem light- Sometimes they paid us a compliment- And then- We felt they were right! -Einer H. Tostenson

The above was printed by permission of the author, Einer H. Tostenson, 3609 24th Ave. So., Mpls., a TCRT conductor, now retired. Our thanks to him.

MTM CONTINUES TO CHALK-UP NEW RECORDS

For the first time in the approximately ten year history of the Minnesota Transportation Museum, membership has topped the century mark - with membership currently standing at 127 as of Sept. 19th.

From the re-opening of the "Como-Harriet Streetcar Line" on August 28th until Sept. 20th, 1971 (less than one month) #1300 has carried over 13000 people on its quartermile of trackage; a remarkable figure which should provide even the most skeptical some indication of what MTM can expect at Harriet in '72 when the line has been fully restored. It should also be remembered that September is somewhat off-season and the summer months carry the greatest possible ridership potential. 1972 truly promises to be the year for "trolley" if we all get behind this historic effort.

New Trolley Appeal Flyer

Enclosed with this issue of the "Minnegazette" is the newest 1972 "Trolley" appeal flyer. Yes, we still need donation funds. So, get these flyers out to prospective donors; ask them to contribute, every little bit helps - and remember, its all tax deductible. Let us know if you need additional copies, we can supply all you need.

MEMBERSHIP GATHERING AT HARRIET - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31ST

Sunday, Oct. 31st at 2 p.m. is membership day at the Lake Harriet site. A clean-up session is planned, to be followed by a picnic; genuine kosher pickles, hot dogs, pop, beer, potato salad and the works. Plan to meet at the carhouse. It promises to be both productive and fun and it will give all members an opportunity to see the work effort first hand. Note; the carhouse can easily be reached via the west access stairs at Linden Hills Blvd. and Queen Ave. So. See you there!

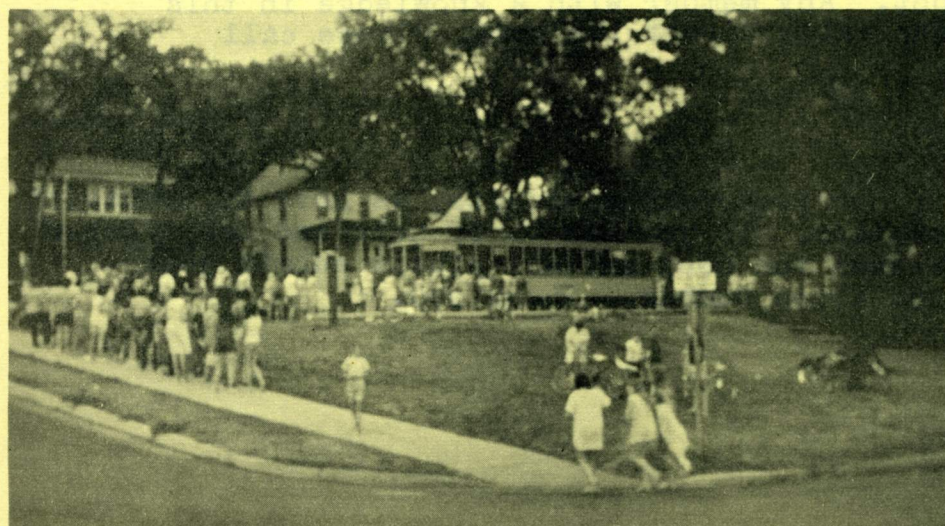
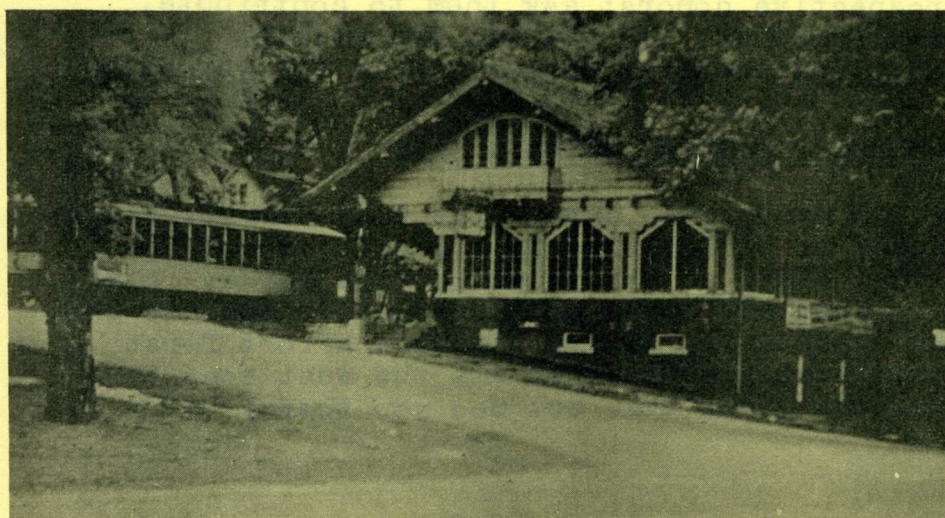
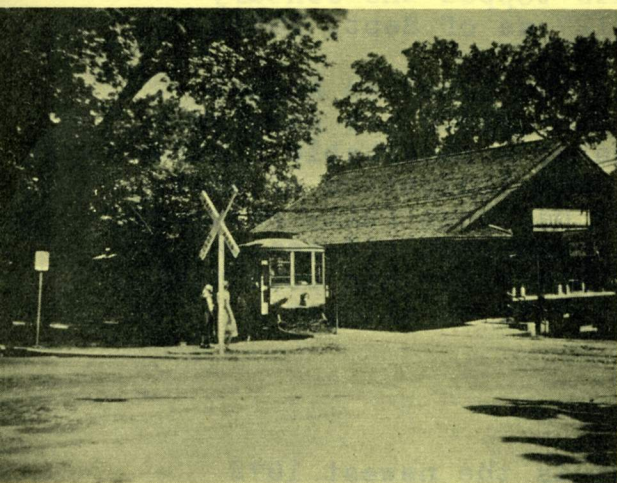
FIBERGLASS EXPERT NEEDED

MTM wishes to put a new covering on the roof of the Northern Pacific Coach at the Minnehaha depot. Any member with a knowledge in this area who is willing to technically direct the work, please call George Isaacs at 484-7512.

DO YOU HAVE A PICKUP TRUCK?

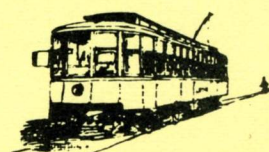
Often, during the course of our restoration efforts, we have to transport bulky material or pull a trailer. If you can be of help and can offer a truck on a temporary basis when the need arises, please submit your name to George Isaccs at the above number. Thank you.

LAKE HARRIET



YESTERDAY & TODAY -A PICTORIAL ESSAY

Though the various photo pairs shown in this month's issue were taken from approximately the same comparative vantage points on or about West 42nd St.; a span of almost two decades separate each scene. Both interesting yet startling to note are the physical changes wrought by the metamorphic passage of 17 short years; the quaint old station building and many stately elms have vanished along with the nickel cup of coffee and the Saturday Evening Post. But, the "Como-Harriet Streetcar Line" and 'trolley' have at long last returned to the Twin Cities vernacular.





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